

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, immediately following the title please insert headings as follows:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Field of the Invention

On page 1, after line 5 please insert a heading as follows:

Related Technology

On page 4, after line 18 please insert a heading as follows:

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

The paragraphs beginning on page 4, line 19 have been changed as follows:

The ~~object of this present invention was therefore to provide~~ provides further improved apoptotically active substances. In particular, ~~a further object of the present invention is to provide~~ provides substances which can inhibit a TSP-1 induced apoptosis of eukaryotic cells, in particular in endothelial cells and fibroblasts. ~~A further object of the present invention was to provide~~ and pharmaceutical preparations with which diseases such as arteriosclerosis, wounds, AIDS, Alzheimer's disease, cancer, systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis and other chronic inflammatory diseases, in which the induction or the inhibition of apoptosis is indicated, can be treated.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 27.

The paragraph beginning on page 4, line 30 has been changed as follows:

~~Surprisingly, this object can be solved in a simple manner by providing~~ Accordingly,  
the invention provides a nucleic acid comprising of a nucleic acid sequence selected from the  
group consisting of those shown in the SEQ ID NOs 1 to 9.

On page 8, after line 22 please insert a heading as follows:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 9, after line 3 please insert a heading as follows:

#### EXAMPLES